

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Brown, Calhoun, Interim Director Klugh, Attorney Pruitt

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order. The purpose of the public hearing was to adopt a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone approximately 20.9 acres near Lowndesville on S-1-70 (Horseshoe Rd.) from FA to GR to allow for development without the two acre minimum lot size. After some comments from Mr. Cirelli, the public hearing came to a close.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order with prayer given by Attorney Pruitt.

4. First item on the agenda was approval of February 11, 2002 Council Meeting Minutes. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilman Brown asked that his name be corrected on the last page from Councilman Scott to Councilman Brown. Chairman Walker referred to the middle of the last page, which states that Chairman Walker also directed the Public Works Committee to begin a financial analysis of Public Works for personnel meetings. This should be changed to a financial analysis of personnel and other needs. Under new business was a request from Carol Speer for a fireproof file cabinet. It should read that Chairman Walker represented Ms. Speer, who could not be here and referred to her letter. All were in favor of approving minutes as amended.

5. Presentations:

a. Representative Harry Stille appeared before Council. He said that the House Ways and Means Committee has started working on the budget and it appears funding for counties will remain intact in the coming budget year.

b. Council heard from Lakeside at Russell property owner Jim Pacilli who expressed the need for a project oversight committee and asked that property owners be brought into the loop. Chairman Walker said that details of the oversight committee have not been worked out and will be announced.

c. Curtis Sibert of McCormick Children's Home to make a presentation and request funding. He said that this was a non-profit organization that provides 24-hour emergency service for neglected and abused children and includes the surrounding

counties. He said that the home has served 14 county children who were abused, neglected or abandoned. Council received it as information and took no action.

d. Mary Lou Wilson of GAMES to discuss budget appropriation. She said she was seeking matching funds from the counties it serves for a federal grant that was recently awarded. Council received it as information and took no action.

6. Committee Reports:

Personnel & Administration; Councilman Brown, Chair had no report at this time

Finance; Chairman Walker, Chair said they had a finance committee meeting and discussed a number of items. The first item was a recommendation that we pay an invoice of \$8,000 to our Architect namely the CGA Firm to be paid from #570 Law Enforcement line item that contains at present \$9,184. All were in favor. The next recommendation was to transfer the Law Enforcement good faith bond money in the amount of \$35,379 to the Law Enforcement checking which would bring it up to \$71,389.98. All were in favor. The next recommendation was that a final contractor payment of \$50,000 and a Hershberger Cabinet payment of \$1,498 be paid from the Law Enforcement checking. This is after finance verifies that proper payments have been made on any and all change orders prior to this. All were in favor. Chairman Walker said there were a number of invoices regarding the external audit that is being conducted and he is recommending a payment for two of these invoices, #11020120 and 11020371 to Cline Brandt & Kochenower for a total of \$8,361.75. This would come out of the general fund, line item #564 Independent Auditor. All were in favor.

Chairman Walker said there was one other item that he would like our director to summarize. Director Klugh addressed council by saying that previously the council had decided to receive funds from the Federal Government for timber sold in Abbeville County based on the average amount received by the county between 1986 1999 which will amount to \$142,000 a year. The county is providing \$43,427 for county road maintenance and \$77,205 to the School District. Under Title 3 of the Federal Regulation, \$21,288 each year must be used for title 3 eligible projects. The regulations also require that the county establish an advisory committee to develop a plan for the use of these funds. Council must then approve the plan and public comment must be received for 45 days before final approval of the plan and implementation. Council authorized Director Klugh to establish the Advisory Committee, which will consist of Representatives from Soil and Water Conservation District, Clemson Ext. Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Law Enforcement Services, Emergency Services, Rural Fire Service and other appropriate agencies. Council asked that the committee have its recommendation to Council no later than the second Council Meeting in March. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we establish a Title III Advisory Committee concerning the US Forestry funds to be made up of the above-mentioned agencies. Councilman Brown seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

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Councilman Agan said that Ms. Wiles wanted to bring up the payment for the motor grader repairs that was coded and paid out of Landfill funds under repairs of equipment the amount was \$20,410. After looking at this one, there was not enough money in this account. In researching all of the landfill and public works data, they talked about spending the \$20,000 for the lowboy and buying a piece of equipment for it. She wanted to recommend that they consider the road maintenance using the lowboy money to pay for this plus an additional \$410 out of equipment repair and repay the landfill to make the books correct at that time. It would also bring the line item in the landfill back up by \$20,410. Councilman Agan made a motion that the Road Maintenance uses the money out of line item 70000 Capital Projects, which was \$20,000 to purchase the lowboy. The remainder would come out of their line item Machine & Equipment Repair and to reimburse that amount to the landfill. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. Councilman Agan added that in all the discussion about the equipment over the last couple of weeks, we talked about using this money and if we need this money for the next item, which is a knuckle boom, we will still have it in that line item. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Agan said that the issue under inmate labor that falls under the finance department committee is that in our budget for this year for the landfill, the road maintenance and solid waste, we had those three departments paying the general fund for the use of these inmates which the general fund paid for their upkeep and the expense was totaled out to those three departments about \$97,000. The money is due to the general fund and Lisa just wanted to be sure that everyone understood how it would be paid. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we make payments to catch everything up through February and proceed monthly thereafter. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Walker said that there was one other item which was Accommodations Tax of which we were going to discuss the disbursement thereof. Councilman Agan said this item was a part of the budget and just a matter of notification of authorizing the Treasurer to move this money from Accommodations line item over to the general fund. The amount that is requested to be moved from Accommodations Tax using the state's formula of \$25,000 off the top and then 5% of the remainder for a total of \$27,373.91. Councilman Agan made a motion that we ask the treasurer to move these funds from the line item Accommodations Tax Fund to the General Fund. Councilman Forrester seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

Next committee was the Public Works Committee, Vice Chairman Gunnells Chair to discuss and approve the purchase of Knuckle Boom Loader for the Landfill. He referred council to some memos he had passed out giving some updates as to what has been going on at the landfill. He said that some of these issues would be discussed in executive session and every council member needed to be updated. The other issue was the Knuckle Boom and the quotes that have been sent in. Mr. Agan said he, Mr. Forrester and Eddie White went to Lexington to look at a used loader that had been sitting up for seven years. He referred to council's packet wherein there were 2 quotes one being in the amount of \$26,865 which is for a new Prentice 120E Knuckle boom Loader with a 22' ft. Boom. The actual Grapple that was being proposed would not work with our operation

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so they got a quote without the Grapple and they would use the grapple that they had. After further discussion, V. C. Gunnells made a motion that we go ahead and purchase the Knuckelboom Loader as of today using the \$20,000 we originally talked about that is line item #43010, Machine & Equipment Repair and Service Contracts # 43600 of \$8,000. . Councilman Agan seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

Intergovernmental Relations: Councilman Forrester, Chair. He stated that they had a Council appointment to EMS and has recommended Mr. Daryl Smith from Donalds. Motion passed unanimously to appoint Daryl Smith.

Planning & Industrial Development, Councilman Thomas Chair. He is currently recovering from surgery and is not here this evening.

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun Chair had no report at this time.

Public Safety; Councilman Agan, Chair had no report at this time.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Office Space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair had no report at this time.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Computerization of County Government, Chairman Walker Chair had nothing to report.

7. Old Business:

(a) 3rd Reading on, a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone approximately 20.9 acres from FA to GR. There was not a quorum of the Planning Commission present on December 19, 2001 any recommendation forwarded. The Council has requested that the Planning Commission will review at its next meeting. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Councilman Councilmen Forrester, Brown and Walker agreed with the motion. Councilman Calhoun opposed. Motion passed to have 3rd Reading.

(a) 2nd Reading on a request from Planning Commission to rezone approx. 1 acre located on the north side of Hwy. 72 approx. 200 ft. east of Hwy 72 and Horton Drive from GR to GC to allow tract to comply with Land Use Plan. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

8 New Business:

(a) Approval of bills for payment Councilman Agan made a motion to approve bills for payment that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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(a) Approval of Accommodations Tax Committee disbursements. Councilman Agan made a motion that we approve the recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Committee for the disbursement of these funds. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

(a) Approval of Budget Calendar for FY2003. Chairman Walker said that the only conflict he might have would be the April 30th meeting. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we approve through April 10th as concrete and hope for the rest of the dates. Councilman Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker reminded Council to complete their Ethics Forms no later than the end of March and turn them into Ms. Chrisley so she can send them out. If not, there will be a \$600 fine.

Chairman Walker informed Council of a CTC Meeting that he would like to schedule On Monday, March 4th at 7PM at the County Office Bldg.

9 Executive Session

- (i) Discuss Planning Director, Public Works Director and County Director.
- (i) Discuss a contractual matter
- (i) Personnel Matter.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. After reconvening regular session Council took no action. Meeting, therefore, adjourned.

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